

## THE PALATKA NEWS AND ADVERTISER.

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This paper is strictly Democratic in politics  
for the reason that it believes such politics  
represent the cause of the great common people.  
It will not bow down to nor favor upon  
those political demagogues within the party  
who for selfish ends seek to lower the name  
to their own base level. The Democracy is in  
power in this state and county and the News  
must believe that grave responsibilities are  
company that power, to perpetuate which  
there must be an economical and efficient  
like administration of public affairs, as well  
as a governmental reaching out to the other  
ideals whenever moral principles are involved  
in legislation.

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### BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

When King Cyrus gave a cup of  
gold to Artabazus, while to Chrysanthus,  
his favorite, he gave only a  
kiss, Artabazus complained: "Sire,  
the cup you gave me is not half so  
good gold as the kiss you gave  
Chrysanthus."

This was in days of old, but many  
an Artabazus still longs for some  
simple token of love and is mocked  
with a costly bauble that means  
nothing. With the golden cup in  
her hand, her soul still grows thirsty.  
If there is any day in the year  
when the greed for gold should be  
stilled and shut out and place made  
in the heart for better, dearer, sweeter  
things, that day is Christmas, and  
there are many people in the world  
who can derive more real happiness  
on that morning from a simple spray  
of holly than from a glittering spray  
of diamonds.

Down at the well-spring of human  
nature is a longing to have our  
friends think of us thoroughly and  
study our tastes, and if a Christmas  
gift can carry satisfaction in this it  
will be a complete success. No  
other kind can be.

Indeed, the gifts that give most  
pleasure are often the simple work  
of one's own hands, or some trifle  
worth little except that it is espe-  
cially eloquent of the sentiment it is  
intended to express.

The right kind of Christmas gift  
is something that has a direct and  
especial meaning from the one who  
gives to the one to whom it is given.

The cost should be no considera-  
tion in the selection. The less it  
represents money the better. What  
violence we do these simple truths!

The buying of Christmas gifts has  
become the great financial strain of  
the year. In the jumble and scramble  
of the shops we forget all the  
real, sweet, sacred meaning of the  
season.

It is the common idea that a Chris-  
mas gift, to express proper feeling,  
must be respectable, and "respectable"  
is regarded as synonymous with  
costly. The average purchase for  
Christmas involves an expenditure  
that the giver can not well afford for  
the sake of something that the re-  
cipient does not want.

A natural outgrowth of this folly  
is the idea that to receive a fine  
present is to become indebted to the  
giver for a gift in return of about  
equal expense.

It is not uncommon for us all to  
find ourselves wondering in advance  
what we are going to receive, in or-  
der that what we give may not fall  
short in elegance—which means ex-  
pense.

So Christmas gifts, the tenderest  
tokens of affection saved from para-  
dise, have come to be without mean-  
ing, except as cold barter and ex-  
change, in which both parties lose  
much and gain little. To couple  
with a Christmas gift thought of an  
obligation to repay in kind is not only  
vulgar but it robs the courtesy of  
all sweetness.

To rate a gift at its cost price is  
not only more vulgar, but it is to in-  
sult the giver, whether the  
article will bravely stand the test or  
not. To put a certain sum of money  
in one's pocket and start out to find  
something that it will buy is even  
more vulgar still, for a gift thus se-  
lected can have no meaning in-  
tended.

Like Cyrus, we give the golden  
bauble, instead of the coveted kiss.  
We give the cup, glittering but  
empty, and leave the longing soul  
a-thirst.

So far do we forget the Christmas  
meaning that we must make the an-  
gels in heaven, on the gladdest day  
in infinite time, turn aside to weep.

### "THE WHITE SLAVES."

The facts concerning the situation  
in the anthracite coal mining region  
are being tried by the crucible of the  
arbitration commission. The ore of  
truth will come out of the smelting.

As a sample of some of the evi-  
dence going into the hopper take  
that of Andrew Chippie, some two  
weeks ago. Chippie is a 12-year-old  
breaker boy, "no taller than a yard  
stick." After taking the witness  
chair, in a childish treble this boy  
told of how his back ached at his  
work and of how the "boss" was ac-  
customed to pull his ears and tell  
him to hurry. But that was only an  
incident.

This boy, who ought to be in  
school, testified that his father died  
eighteen months ago owing the coal  
company \$50. The boy was working  
on this account. He had worked  
four months and had not received a  
cent. Mrs. Chippie's bills showed  
that he was deeper in debt than  
when he began.

James Gallagher, an elderly miner,  
testified. Gallagher had worked for  
his company seventeen years and  
nine months and during all that  
time had drawn only \$50! He was

compelled to deal at the company's  
store. Gallagher explained that  
half the work he had done in the  
mines was done on his knees.

Explaining the store system he  
said provisions and clothes at the  
company's stores were anywhere  
from 10 to 20 per cent dearer than in  
the independent stores.

When President Roosevelt ap-  
pointed the arbitration commission  
it was for the purpose of settling the  
strike. He builded better than he  
knew.

The people want the facts respect-  
ing which there has been so much  
controversy. This commission is  
collecting the facts.

And upon these ascertained facts  
affirmative legislation for the re-  
medy of wrongs, if any shall appear,  
may be predicted. It is very evi-  
dent, thus far, that the grievances of  
the miners were not imaginary.

### VINDICATION OF THE CORSET.

English beauty and grace have  
fallen captive to the American cor-  
set. The consul at Nottingham  
makes a report which is only a re-  
petition of reports from other English  
centers, showing that the American  
straight-front invasion is widespread  
and irresistible.

There is said to be a grace and  
ease about the American corset  
which manufacturers on the other  
side cannot successfully attain or  
imitate.

We have been accustomed to sneer  
at the straight front contention.  
Many conservative souls among us  
have held that when God made wo-  
man out of man's rib He finished the  
job, and left no need for further  
shaping by aid of whalebones, quills,  
cordage, canvas or other stiffening.  
That rib of Adam supplied all needs.  
These conservatives say.

Preachers have denounced the  
corset as an impious invention of  
the devil, and at least one of their  
number, the Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon,  
denounces the very pictures of them  
as ungodly snares which draggeth  
to destruction. Physicians have  
condemned it as injurious to health.  
Poets and artists with long hair de-  
test it as a vulgar instrument to dis-  
tort the female from divine.

However reasonable all this oppo-  
sition may seem, the fact remains  
that the modern Eve still persists in  
tinkering with her shape. Perhaps  
this is her modern way of offering  
Adam the apple of allurements.

The phenomenal success of Ameri-  
can girls in winning European no-  
bility as husbands has perhaps ex-  
cited the envy of their English sis-  
ters, who have jumped to the very  
reasonable conclusion that it is the  
American girl's shape that does it.  
So the English girl is borrowing the  
American girl's shape, thus helping  
out a great American industry.

Looked at from the commercial  
standpoint the straight front has be-  
come a monumental success for this  
country. And now we may hope to  
hear it spoken of only with the pro-  
foundest respect.

### A WOMAN AND A BABE.

A beautiful story that drowns the  
grumble of the pessimists comes  
from Omaha.

A society woman arose in a street  
car, removed her silken petticoat  
and wrapped it around the shivering  
form of an infant two years old.  
The woman was Mrs. Harry Cartan,  
the daughter of a millionaire.

Despite the zero weather the street  
car was without fire. In one corner,  
sat a poorly clad man, with a beaten,  
hopeless look on his face, holding  
the babe on his knees. The little  
one's feet and legs were entirely  
bare and blue from the cold.

Mrs. Cartan came into the car and  
sat down opposite the father with  
his pitiful charge. She gave one  
look at the forlorn pair and one  
glance at the passengers. The latter  
sat and pitied, but none offered to  
help.

In the next instant the angel of  
mercy in the seal-skin sacque had  
her hands behind her, under her  
cloak. She let fall the heavy silken  
garment. Rising and holding to a  
strap she stepped out of it. While  
the women gasped and the men  
drew in their breath she walked  
over to the man and child. Stoop-  
ing, she snuggled the petticoat  
about the infant's legs, smiling into  
the child's face, remarking to the  
father: "I am afraid baby has scarcely  
enough on for this weather."

The father's eyes filled with tears  
and he murmured under his breath,  
"God bless you."

And the woman, it is stated that  
when the reporters visited her at her  
home Mrs. Cartan said: "I hope it  
will not be spread broadcast over the  
country. It is such a little thing."

A little thing? Yes, but signifi-  
cant and heroic.  
The woman's pity overcame her  
woman's delicacy. In a moment  
she decided that the act in such a  
cause could not be immodest. And  
the tender bit of charity was done  
and the color gradually crept back  
into the baby's face.

Dickens says there is a way into  
every human heart. It may be up a  
winding stair. And if you can find  
the way and knock at the door in  
some sacred name the door will  
open.

Baby, helpless, innocent, cold,  
went up no winding stair into this  
woman's heart. It went straight to  
the door and entered.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of  
Saturday the 20th inst., contained 10  
pages, being made up of five sec-  
tions of 8 pages each. It was a big  
paper from every point of view—big  
in the variety and entertaining na-

ture of its reading matter, and big in  
business. The advertising patron-  
age of a paper is really the place to  
look if one would learn of a paper's  
standing at home. This big Metropo-  
lis was full to the neck with ad-  
vertising. Live merchants never  
patronize a dead paper. The Metropo-  
lis being very much alive and  
up-to-date, was well patronized.  
The Metropolis is easily the leading  
evening paper in the South, and its  
present standing is solely due to its  
push. May the coming year be one  
of even greater growth.

### HE FOUND A CURE.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt  
Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered  
with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21  
years, have tried many doctors without  
relief, but I have found a cure in Her-  
bine. I recommend it to all my friends,  
who are afflicted that way, and it is cur-  
ing them, too. 50c at Ackerman & Ste-  
wart's Palatka, and Lounds' drug store,  
Crescent City."

### CHRISTMAS.

Sweet Christmas tide with all its joys  
For merry girls and romping boys,  
And gaily ringing bells and strains  
Has entered 'neath the mistletoe.

The smaller children about with glee,  
Around the laden Christmas tree;  
Dear little ones, this is their time,  
In every land and every clime.

One story says: "It was their care  
That caused this wondrous tree to bear."  
So 'tis but meet that there should be,  
On Christmas, a tree filled free.

The anxious mother, pressed with care,  
That each and all may have a share  
Of all the good things Santa brings,  
From costly gifts to pop-corn strings.

Each happy face does now attest  
How well her efforts have been spent.  
Even mamma's sable face grows bright,  
To hear her mother so soft tonight.

She's a-sure, loved and spoilt them all,  
From little Nellie to Jack so tall.  
Tonight, they show for their love,  
And by their gifts their love they prove.

But father lays his arms away,  
On this dear welcome festival day,  
And has a romp with girls and boys;  
Yea, even dares to claim the boys.

Sweet little Nell is with with joy,  
When papa comes to kiss her brow.  
They follow Jack at mother's side,  
And win some Maids, fathers pride.

Bad handsome Hal, and bony Bea,  
I've each some mischief to contrive.  
They've played some prank on Bill and Sue  
And that grandma's seen them, too.

She views each scene with keen delight,  
In this sweet home this happy night.  
Beneath the mistletoe she spies,  
Dear little Sue with drooping eyes.

At Santa's age, she too was fair,  
With rosy cheeks and golden hair;  
And 'twas upon a night like this  
That grandpa stole from her a kiss.

And grandpa—well you'd think that he  
Had found his youth upon the tree—  
At grandpa's side a youthful glance,  
And banters Sue for a dance.

Grandpa's just as bright and jolly,  
As when he gathered Christmas bolly.  
In those sweet days, so long ago,  
He kissed grandma 'neath mistletoe.

Palatka, Dec. 29th, 1902. ASTORIO.

### CAUTION!

This is not a gentle word—but when  
you think how liable you are not to  
purchase for 75c the only remedy un-  
iversally known and a remedy that has  
the largest sale of any medicine in the  
world since 1868 for the cure and treat-  
ment of consumption and throat and  
lung troubles without losing its great  
popularity all these years, you will be  
thankful that we called your attention  
to Boschee's German Syrup. There are  
so many ordinary cough remedies made  
by druggists and others that are cheap  
and good for light colds, perhaps, but  
for severe coughs, bronchitis, croup,  
and especially for consumption, where  
there is difficult expectoration and  
coughing during the nights and morn-  
ings, there is nothing like German Sy-  
rup. Sold by all druggists in the civilized  
world. You can get this reliable re-  
medy at Lounds' drug store, Crescent City  
or G. G. GREEN, Woodbury, N. J.

### Benevolent Idea.

In a recent sermon Dr. N. D. Hillis  
of New York, said:  
"Look at the books that are with-  
in every one's reach to-day. Soon, at  
the rate things are going, all books  
will be bought at 15 cents a copy.  
Then God help us! I sometimes  
think that the only hope for society  
is to get all the authors in a corner  
and shoot them for a generation, till  
we could assimilate what we already  
have."

### HUNTINGTON.

A Christmas Tree entertainment  
and all the usual exercises attending  
will be held at the hall Christmas  
night. All the young folk—and  
older—are looking forward to a fine  
time.

Mrs. Funk visited her sister, Mrs.  
Clark, in Jacksonville last week.

Rev. G. H. Ward gave an instruc-  
tive discourse on the character and  
mission of John the Baptist, at the  
church last Sunday. The musical  
part of the service was of the usual  
high order.

Miss Corrie Cheatham has returned  
from Jacksonville, where she has  
been spending a few weeks with her  
aunt, Mrs. Vandergriff.

Mrs. Cheatham has been quite ill  
for the past two weeks. Hopes  
are entertained that she will soon be  
better.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Harvey, of  
Lyndonville, Vt., arrived last Satur-  
day and are guests at the home of  
the Ingalls Bros. Mr. Harvey is a  
builder, and there has been some

### IS YELLOW POISON

in your blood? Physicians call it  
malarial germ. It can be seen  
changing red blood yellow under  
microscope. It works day and  
night. First, it turns your com-  
plexion yellow. Chilly, aching  
sensations creep down your  
backbone. You feel weak and  
worthless.

ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC  
will stop the trouble now. It  
enters the blood at once and  
drives out the yellow poison.  
If neglected and when Chills,  
Fever, Night-Sweats and a gen-  
eral break-down come later on,  
Roberts' Tonic will cure you  
—but why wait? Prevent  
future sickness. The manufac-  
turers know all about this  
yellow poison and have perfected  
Roberts' Tonic to drive it out,  
sourish, yellow, sweats, restore  
appetite, purify the blood, pre-  
vent and cure Chills, Fevers and  
Malaria. It has cured thou-  
sands. It will cure you, or your  
money back. This is fair. Try  
it. Price, 25c. For sale by  
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them at Honest Prices  
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Wines,  
Liquors,  
Etc.  
the best of  
Everything  
in this  
Line  
can be  
found there.

## For Christmas Fruits

Go to  
**Windisch.**

Fancy Pineapples,  
Bananas,  
Grape Fruit,  
Tangerines,  
Bright Oranges,  
Malaga Grapes,  
Apples,  
Nuts and  
Candies,  
FRESH STOCK.  
**E. WINDISCH,**  
PALATKA, FLA.

talk that he expected to buy a lot  
there and build a house this winter.  
They spent last winter here having  
rooms at Mrs. Cheatham's. They  
took quite a liking to Huntington,  
and should they decide to locate  
here our people would feel honored  
and pleased.

COUGHING SPELL CAUSED DEATH.  
"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years,  
choked to death early yesterday morn-  
ing at his home, in the presence of his  
wife and child. He contracted a slight  
cold a few days ago and paid but little  
attention to it. Yesterday morning he  
was seized with a fit of coughing which  
continued for some time. His wife sent  
for a physician but before he could ar-  
rive, another coughing spell came on  
and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St.  
Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901."

Sal and the Horehound Syrup would have  
saved him. 25c. 50c and \$1.00 at Ack-  
erman & Stewart's, Palatka, and Lounds'  
drug store, Crescent City.

# FOR SALE:--First Mortgage 7 Per Cent Gold Bonds OF THE Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Company, Palatka, Florida.

Interest Payable Semi-Annually, July 1st, and January 1st.  
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Total Issue of Bonds, 45,000  
Cost of property exceeds Bonded Debt, \$25,000

A part of these Bonds were sold to pay for the construction of the Electric Light Plant and we are now offer-  
ing the balance to use proceeds of sale to retire or pay maturing Bonds which were originally issued when the  
Gas Plant was constructed.

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FUEL COMPANY. The Company has always paid the interest on its Bonds the day it was due. There is no  
other company furnishing gas or electric light in the City of Palatka. The business is carefully and economically  
managed and many of our most conservative citizens are owners of these Bonds.

To those who may be timid about investing solely because they fear possible competition through municipal  
ownership of another plant, at some future period, we refer to the following Act:

Chapter 4600, No. 86, Page 143, Sections 9 and 4, Passed by the Florida Legislature and Approved June 5th, 1897:

"SEC. 9. When any city or town shall  
decide, as hereinbefore provided, to es-  
tablish a plant, and any person, firm or cor-  
poration shall at the time of the vote  
for such plant, be engaged or  
in the business of making, generating or  
distributing gas or electricity for sale,  
for lighting purposes in such city or  
town, such city or town shall, if such  
person, firm or corporation shall elect  
to sell, and shall comply with the pro-  
visions of this Act, purchase of such per-  
son, firm or corporation, before estab-  
lishing a public plant, such portion of  
his, their or its gas or electric plant and  
property suitable and used for such busi-  
ness in connection therewith as lies  
within the limits of such city or town.  
If in such city or town a single corpora-  
tion owns or operates both a gas plant and  
an electric plant, such purchase shall in-  
clude both of such plants, but otherwise  
such city or town shall only be obliged to  
purchase the existing gas plant or  
plants, if it has voted only to establish a  
gas plant, and shall only be obliged to  
purchase the existing electric plant or  
plants if it has voted to establish an  
electric plant. If the main gas works  
in the case of a gas plant, or the central  
lighting station, in case of an electric  
plant, lie within the limits of the  
city or town which has voted to estab-  
lish a plant as aforesaid, such city or  
town shall purchase, as herein provided,  
the whole of such plant and property  
used in connection therewith, lying with-

in its limits, and the price to be paid  
therefor shall be its fair market value  
for the purposes of its use, no portion  
of such plant to be estimated, however,  
at less than its fair market value for any  
other purpose, including as an element  
of value the earning capacity of such  
plant based upon the actual earnings  
being derived from such use at the time  
of the final vote of such city or town to  
establish a plant, and also any locations  
or similar rights acquired from private  
persons in connection therewith, plus  
the damage suffered by the severance  
of any portion of such plant lying out-  
side of the limits of such city or town,  
and minus the amount of any mortgage  
or other incumbrance or lien to which  
the plant so purchased, or any part  
thereof, may be subject at the time of  
transfer of title; but such city or town  
may require that such plant or property  
be transferred to it free and clear of any  
mortgage or lien, unless the gas or elec-  
tric committee of such city or town shall  
otherwise determine. Such value shall  
be estimated without enhancement on  
account of future earning capacity,  
or good will, or of exclus-  
ive privileges derived from rights  
in the public streets. When any capital  
has been paid in, in property instead of  
cash, the valuation placed upon such  
property in estimating it as paid-in cap-  
ital shall not be conclusive in estimating  
its value under the foregoing provisions,  
but may be disputed by the city or town,  
and if shown to have been excessive, may  
yet be reduced by the authority fixing  
the price of the plant and property as  
hereinafter provided.

"SEC. 4. Any city or town establish-  
ing or purchasing a plant within its limits,  
as provided in this Act, or renewing,  
extending, or enlarging the same,  
as provided in Section 5, hereinafter  
set out, may pay for the same by the  
issue of bonds, payable in a term not  
exceeding thirty years and bearing in-  
terest at a rate not exceeding seven per  
cent, which shall not be disposed of for  
less than par with accrued interest, and  
the indebtedness thereby created shall  
not be included in the limit of indebted-  
ness of such city or town provided by  
law; but such bonds shall not be issued  
until a vote authorizing the same has  
been taken and passed as provided for in  
Section 2, and the whole amount of  
bonds so issued by a city or town, and  
outstanding shall not exceed at their par  
value the amount of seven per cent. of  
the total valuation of the real and per-  
sonal property within the limits of said  
city or town, according to the last pre-  
ceding valuation of the same made by  
said city or town. The interest on such  
bonds and a sinking fund to meet the  
same at maturity shall be provided for  
by ordinance of the city or town Council."

There is no question as to the constitutionality of this Act, as it is simply a copy of a part of a like law of the  
State of Massachusetts. Its object is two-fold—not only to protect investors in Gas and Electric securities or  
properties, but also to protect towns, or the taxpayers of towns, especially small places, where there is not  
enough business for two competing companies, from financial loss through the construction and operation of a  
second or competing light company.

Should the time arrive when the majority of the free-holders of Palatka express by their votes the desire and  
intention of going into the light business, this Company will comply with the law and sell the municipality our  
property at a fair valuation, as provided in the above referred to Act. In this event the bond-holders would be  
fully protected, as their bonds would be immediately paid from a part of the proceeds of the purchase price.

This mortgage was drawn by Hon. Robt. W. Davis and the form of Bond approved by him.

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The Old Reliable "Germania  
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